M E M O R A N D U M

**TO: Dr. Maria Brown, Chairperson**

 **Karen Byrd**

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**Jesse Parks**

 **Dr. Tiffany Schussler**

**Matthew Turner, Superintendent**

**FROM: Linda Schild, Finance Officer**

**DATE: February 2, 2021**

**RE: Network Wiring Upgrades**

**The Board is asked to approve a designation of funds for the continuation of scheduled upgrades to our buildings’ network wiring infrastructure supporting our information technology systems.**

**Upgrades have been sustained by rebates form the e-rate program. However the funds from that program are diminishing. There is an opportunity to maximize our rebate by accelerating scheduled upgrades to six of our schools. The anticipated amount would be 60% of the cost: the estimated cost is expected to be $782,140.63. The schools included would be Burlington, Florence, Kelly, Ockerman, New Haven, and Goodridge Elementary.**

**Funds to support these upgrades can be made available by releasing the designation on fund balances set aside to open new schools. The balance available is $7.7 million as of June 30, 2020. The balance is sufficient to support the opening of new schools and support the upgrades which will maintain equity with our newer schools.**

**This activity will be funded thru the fund balance designated for new school openings.**

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| Burlington Elementary | $126,303.52 |
| Florence Elementary | $134,106.81 |
| Kelly Elementary | $71,439.50 |
| Ockerman Elementary | $163,085.01 |
| New Haven Elementary | $153,401.52 |
| Goodridge Elementary | $133,804.27 |
|  **Total** | **$782,140.63** |

**I recommend the Board approve to release the designation of funds for the opening of new schools for the network wiring upgrades as presented.**